

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

First pump light for Raman-amplifying optical signal is inputted to the output end of the optical signal, and second pump light used for Raman-amplifying the first pump light and having a wavelength shorter than that of the first pump light is inputted to the input end of the optical signal. The second pump light is also inputted to the output end of the optical signal. The first pump light is also inputted to the input end of the optical signal. The Raman amplification band of the second pump light is made not to be overlapped with that of the optical signal. The wavelength of the second pump light is shorter than that of the first pump light by the Raman shift of the amplifier fiber. The light source of either the first or second pump light or both the light sources of them are multiplex optical sources. The first pump light is emitted from a semiconductor laser. Third pump light for Raman-amplifying the second pump light is directed to an optical transmission line. The optical signal is transmitted through a transmission line using the Raman amplification method.